

November 5, 2008

Commissioners
Ravalli Board of County Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners:

In 2007, the Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation was certified by the Montana Department of Commerce as the Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) for the Missoula and Ravalli County region. This program offers supplemental funding for regional projects, which in 2007 and 2008 was equally distributed throughout the economic development organizations in the region.

Recently, the MAEDC Board of Directors authorized the creation of a CRDC Advisory Committee, which will equally represent all incorporated towns, local governments, and economic development organizations throughout the region, including your entity. A copy of that resolution is enclosed.

With 2008 nearly behind us and 2009 close ahead, MAEDC would like to invite you to join us at the Stevensville City Council Chambers to discuss policies of the CRDC Advisory Committee and to form the 2009 Work Plan. This session will enable our region to prioritize important projects in local communities.

We look forward to this opportunity to work together to create a 2009 Work Plan which benefits the entire region.

CRDC Advisory Committee Meeting
December 8th, 11:30am – 1:30pm
Stevensville City Council Chambers
Lunch will be served
Mileage Reimbursement

→ Beth advise
Carlotta see if
any Commissioners
wants to go.
GWS.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely,



Chad DeLong
Executive Vice President

Encl: Resolution Authorizing Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #102109-1

Defining the mission of the Missoula and Ravalli County Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) program; establishing guidelines for operation of the program; authorizing establishment of an advisory committee for the program; and describing the function of said committee.

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) has designed the Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDC) to be the Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) for Missoula and Ravalli Counties; and

WHEREAS, the CRDC Program requires participation from at least two counties and a majority of the incorporated municipalities in the region to be served; and

WHEREAS, MAEDC has received letters of support from the Missoula and Ravalli County Boards of Commissioners, as well as from the municipalities of Darby, Hamilton and Stevensville, and the City of Missoula is an active member of MAEDC; and

WHEREAS, the CRDC Program also encourages cooperation between local economic development organizations, and Missoula and Ravalli Counties are served by four local economic development organizations; and

WHEREAS, DOC encourages that the geographic boundaries of an Economic Development District designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the boundaries of a CRDC region be coterminous; and

WHEREAS, Mineral County is included within the Bitter Root Economic Development District (BREDD); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of MAEDC are ultimately responsible for ensuring that the terms and conditions of the contract with DOC are satisfied; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation that:

1. An Advisory Committee is hereby authorized, which will have the purpose of making recommendations to MAEDC's Board of Directors regarding requests to the CRDC for support of applications to DOC programs, such as the Community Development Block Grant and Big Sky Economic Development Trusts Fund Programs, as well as reviewing the annual CRDC work plan, and any applications to DOC for CRDC discretionary funding.
2. The CRDC Advisory Committee will consist of no more than thirteen members, with each of the following entitled to appoint one (1) representative to the committee: Ravalli, Missoula and Mineral Counties; the municipalities of Darby, Hamilton, Stevensville, Missoula and Superior; the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority; the Montana Community Development Corporation; the

Mineral County Economic Development Corporation; the Bitter Root economic Development District; and the Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation


3. All organizations and local government entities seeking funding assistance from DOC programs would be required to submit their request for a letter of support from the CRDC to the Advisory Committee, which would then make a recommendation to MAEDC's Board of Directors for final approval.
4. The Advisory Committee will meet as needed and is authorized to adopt rules and procedures deemed necessary for operational needs. Costs related to committee meetings and communications are an eligible expense of the CRDC Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21ST day of OCTOBER 2008.



Diane Beck, Chairman

ATTEST:


Craig Burns, Secretary